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REMARKS

Claims 8-17, 19, 20, 33-35, 37, 38, 40, 41, and 52-58 are currently pending. Claims 1-7, 18, 21-32, 36, 39, and 42-51 are cancelled. Claims 12-17, 19, and 20 are presently withdrawn. Claim 33 has been amended herein. Claims 8-11 are allowed, and claims 39 and 40 have been indicated as reciting allowable subject matter. It is believed the present amendments place all pending claims under consideration in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [ALBRP138US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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